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Barnum Creek is a vision of autumn beauty with fallen leaves lining the water at Barnum Creek Nature Reserve in Haliburton, which is located off of Goulds Crossing Road. Donations are welcomed at the reserve. Parking is available and permitted use includes biking on the designated Heritage Hike trail and hiking on Heritage, Ridge Trail and Waterfall Way. Read more on page 2. /DARREN LUM Staff

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Nature reserve opens to the public

Hikers walk along a trail beside Barnum Creek, as part of the official opening ceremony of the Barnum Creek Nature Reserve on Thursday, Oct. 15 in Haliburton. The event included about 25 people to mark the occasion, which was delayed due to measures to reduce the risk of COVID-19. The reserve, which features kilometres of hiking trails, is owed to the generosity of the Dobrzensky family who donated the 500-acre property for the reserve to the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust in 2018 under Environment and Climate Change Canada's Ecological Gifts Program. It is located at 1118 Gould Crossing Road (incorrectly labelled Cowan Road by Google Maps) off of County Road 1./DARREN LUM Staff

Haliburton Highlands Land Trust chairperson Greg Wickware addresses the audience who gathered for the official opening ceremony of the Barnum Creek Nature Reserve.

Margaret Dobrzenksy looks on as her mother Leopoldina speaks to a small gathering at the official opening ceremony of the Barnum Creek Nature Reserve.

Haliburton Highlands Land Trust director Sheila Ziman, far right, laughs while leading a hike as part of the official opening ceremony.

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An Archie Stouffer Elementary School kindergarten student rushes to catch up to her peers during a class hike, as part of daily outdoor exercise offered at the Minden school on Thursday, Oct. 15. /DARREN LUM Staff

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The STOP (Smoking Treatment for Ontario Patients) Program is launching a new online version called STOP on the Net. The new program offers participants a free supply of nicotine patches and gum to help them quit smoking. People can enroll online at www.stopstudy.ca to see if they're eligible for the program.

If they quality, participants will be mailed the free nicotine patches and gum and asked to take part in two follow-up surveys with researchers to see how they are faring with their quit smoking efforts. Resources to help people through the quitting process will also be available online.

Area residents who are 18 years and older and trying to quit smoking are encouraged to sign up for STOP on the Net, especially as supplies of nicotine replacement therapy products are limited.

"We know COVID-19 has been very stressful on people and had a major impact on mental health," says Karen Taylor, a public health nurse with the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit. "Some people may be using tobacco more to cope during this pandemic. STOP on the Net is a great tool to quit given that supports are delivered right to your door."

Unlike the regular STOP program, the online version does not require an in-person visit with a health care provider. Taylor says that can bring peace of mind to people trying to quit tobacco, but who may be wary of going out and potentially increasing their exposure to COVID-19.

Over the past few years, the in-person STOP Program has had considerable success in helping smokers to quit. "Nicotine patches greatly improve the chances of quitting smoking, but some people may not be able to afford them," Taylor notes. "With STOP, nicotine patches and gum are provided free of charge and this has helped many, many people successfully quit their tobacco addiction once and for all."

Taylor is optimistic STOP on the Net will duplicate this success, especially as the online program is easily accessible from home. She is also hopeful the benefits of becoming tobacco-free will speak loudly to area residents.

"The physical and health benefits of being tobacco-free start almost immediately," Taylor notes. "You also have more energy and money in your pocket not having to pay for cigarettes."

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SIRCH to open bistro in Haliburton Village

JENN WATT
County Life Editor

Above, SIRCH staff has been working to prepare the site of the new SIRCH Bistro and Marketplace for its upcoming opening in the weeks ahead. Using the former Shopper's Drugmart space at the corner of Maple Avenue and Victoria Street, SIRCH will be serving food and selling goods while also providing a training opportunity to those in their Cook It Up and Ready for Retail programs. /JENN WATT Staff

After years of running successful cooking and retail programs around Haliburton County, SIRCH Community Services is expanding, bringing together multiple facets of its operations under one roof and creating a community space.

Renovations are underway at SIRCH Bistro & Marketplace, a 4,000-square-foot space where Shopper's Drugmart once was at the corner of Maple Avenue and Victoria Street in Haliburton. Once open, the accessible space will feature a commercial kitchen, dining area, marketplace for local artists and entrepreneurs to sell their products, and space for other programming.

The local charity was able to move forward with the plans thanks to a grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation and will be appealing to the community for additional funds in the months to come.

"What we proposed to do was take over the downstairs [of 49 Maple Ave.] and renovate it into a multi-service centre. So there will be a training centre, which which we now know is going to also have to be ready to do virtual learning, online learning, as well as in person," said executive director Gena Robertson on Oct. 14. "And then our commercial kitchen has moved, we'll be doing all our meals out of there, our free meals, and then we wanted a little practice bistro that food service people could practice in."

SIRCH's offices are on the second storey of 49 Maple Ave., located down the hall from the social services office and Fleming CREW Employment Centre. Including the training opportunities in the new bistro and marketplace is likely to provide added benefits for job seekers and those looking to upgrade skills.

For several years, SIRCH has been offering training programs for restaurant and retail service called Cook It Up and Ready For Retail, which teach applicable skills to students and real-world practice. In the past, the programs have been offered for a few months a year and have used local restaurants on days when they're closed. The new space will allow year-round training.

"Who we are trying to work with are people who are unemployed or underemployed or often on social assistance and need some confidence building and need some skill building to be successful in employment," Robertson said.

Stats on Cook It Up and Ready For Retail demonstrate there is a demand in the local economy for people with food service and retail skills. In the last five years, 51 people have graduated from the two programs combined (80 per cent of those who enrolled graduated), and of those 45 were employed upon graduation.

SIRCH board member Marc Beisheim said the marketplace portion of the space could be of use to a wide range of area residents. "As the marketplace concept evolves and develops it's going to be an easy point of entry for the public to [access]. [For] nascent entrepreneurs ... that will help get curbside visibility much sooner than they might otherwise be able to on their own," he said. Robertson and her team have a track record of innovation and ground-breaking, he added. "This space really arms her to move faster, quicker, stronger, try stuff, be innovative, see what works, pivot."

While grant funds were applied for pre-pandemic, SIRCH staff is keenly aware that changes to program delivery may need to be made, which could mean fewer people training in the space at once and using live streaming technology to deliver classes remotely.

Marc Beisheim and Gena Robertson are excited for what the next months will hold as SIRCH opens its bistro and marketplace. Funding will be needed to enhance the commercial kitchen and to purchase technology to livestream classes from the space, a necessity during the pandemic. /JENN WATT Staff

Purchasing this new equipment, along with additions to the commercial kitchen, will be part of the organization's annual fundraising drive, Gifts from the Heart, which launches in November.

Their goal this year is to raise $110,000, $60,000 of which will be for their food programs that include free frozen meals distributed through various programs around the county and the Lunch Is On Us free weekly meals. The remaining $50,000 of the goal is for the capital purchases.

Once SIRCH Bistro & Marketplace is open, the plan is for members of the public to come by to purchase breakfast or lunch, or peruse the items for sale, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

"We want it to be really friendly and inviting and informal," Robertson said. "And we'll have Wi-Fi and if people want to come here and hang out for a bit, they can, depending on how long the lineup is." She is hopeful seniors who live in nearby Parklane Apartments will also frequent the bistro.

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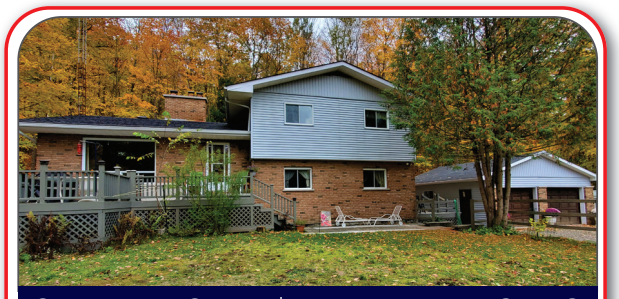

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Top 10 reasons why top hats should come back into fashion

THE OTHER DAY I saw an old photo of important men wearing top hats and it occurred to me that it would be great if they came back into style. Here are my top 10 reasons why.

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1. Makes it easier for some of us to get on carnival rides.
2. Great place to store lunch.
3. Suddenly, breaking out into a tap dance looks a lot less weird.
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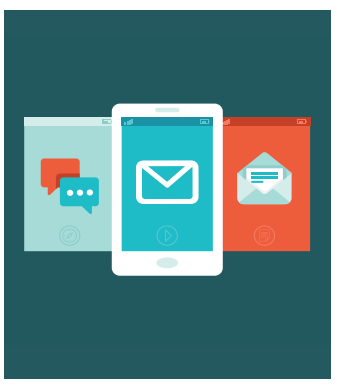

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Celebrating Halloween with peace of mind

Halloween is a popular celebration, but due to COVID-19, play it safe. Many traditional Halloween activities can be high-risk for spreading illness, so continuing with them in the middle of COVID-19 is not recommended. The key is to find a balance between keeping safe while trying to maintain some sense of normalcy.

This Halloween, consider safer alternatives that can be done close to home. You and your family can still celebrate the season in "spooktacular" fashion – along with peace of mind.

Trick-or-Treating

The health unit recommends rethinking the usual door-to-door trick-or-treating this year due to COVID-19 concerns. Instead, find creative ways to celebrate the season at home.

• Print and display an appropriate poster to tell neighbours if you are handing out treats. Select either the Welcome Trick or Treaters poster or Sorry See You Next Year version. (You can find copies at hkpr.on.ca to print out.)

• If you want to hand out candy to hearty trick-or-treaters, plan for success. Ideally, do so outside being sure to wash your hands often and thoroughly with soap and water or use alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

• Consider setting up a table or chair at the end of your walk or driveway to make handing out candy easier. Do NOT leave treats in bucket or bowl for kids to grab–and-go in order to avoid kids crowding around the treats.

• Wear a face covering and use tongs or similar tools (even the end of a hockey stick) to safely hand out candy (or individually-wrapped goodie bags) while ensuring you maintain a two-metre (six-foot) distance from trick-or-treaters.

• Drop treats on your neighbour's doorsteps, ring the bell, and run away! Make sure to include a spooky note letting your neighbour know they're from you.

If your kids are going out

If your children are going out trick-or-treating, be sure everyone takes COVID-19 precautions:

• Do NOT allow your children to go out if they are ill. Parents should also stay home if they are sick.

• Only go out trick-or-treating with members of your direct household.

• Only go trick-or-treating outdoors.

• Maintain a physical distance of two metres (six feet) from others at all times while trick-or-treating. Do not congregate or linger at doorsteps. Line up two metres (six feet) apart if waiting. Avoid high-touch surfaces and objects.

• Ensure your child wears a proper face covering while trick-or-treating. Choose a costume that makes wearing a mask or face covering easy for your child. Ensure the mask fits well and covers the nose, mouth and chin. Consider building the face covering into your child's costume (cloth face masks can be made out of different fabrics to allow them to be part of a costume). NOTE: A costume mask is not a substitute for a face covering. Do not put a costume mask over a face covering as this makes breathing difficult.

• Wash hands with soap and water before trick-or-treating, when you return home and before snacking.

• Bring alcohol-based hand sanitizer with you to use while trick-or-treating.

• Leave any treats you collect for at least 24 hours. Have some ready-to-enjoy favourites set aside for children to enjoy when they return from trick-or-treating.

Consider these safer alternatives to do at home:

• Buy treats for your children and enjoy them at home while watching a scary movie together.

• Decorate for Halloween inside and outside your home and have children carve pumpkins to add to the festive display.

• Showcase Halloween craft projects on your porch and in your front windows for your neighbours to enjoy.

• Craft a countdown calendar – pick a fun Halloween activity to do each day leading up to the big day.

• Plan your own monster mash or "Halloween-at-home" party. Get children to dress up in costume to mark the festivities.

• Make your own spooky treats such as: clementine jack-o-lanterns, monster mix, or ghostly cookies.

• Organize a Halloween scavenger hunt where children are given holiday-themed items to look for around your home or property. You can also hide treats in different spots and get children to find them.

• Do an "at-home" version of trick-or-treating by setting up treat stations around your home that children can visit for goodies.

• Pick out some Halloween themed books to read together.

• Set up a piñata at home filled with your favourite Halloween treats.

• Organize and hold a socially distanced costume parade with a few of your neighbours and keep the treats at home to enjoy afterwards.

• Host a virtual party – set up video chats with friends and family members who can't celebrate with you. Encourage children to show off their costumes and talk about their favourite treats.

• Take photos of children dressed in Halloween costume and email/share with grandparents and older relatives who can't be there in person.

Find more tips online at hkpr.on.ca.

Hike Haliburton winter edition gets go-ahead

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County Life Staff

Haliburton County councillors are supporting going ahead with snowshoe festival Hike Haliburton: Winter Edition this February.

Last February saw the inaugural winter version of the county's popular Hike Haliburton Festival, the latter typically taking place in September and including a series of guided hikes throughout the county. This fall's festival was cancelled, a decision county councillors made in the spring amid the initial uncertainty surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic.

However, during a virtual Oct. 15 committee-of-the-whole meeting, county councillors unanimously recommended proceeding with the winter edition of the festival, with COVID-19 safety protocols in place.

A report from tourism director Amanda Virtanen offered three options for councillors' consideration: holding the festival with COVID-19 safety protocols in place; holding a scaled down version of the festival with fewer people and fewer hikes with COVID-19 protocols in place; or cancelling the festival outright.

"Something else to keep in mind is of course that travel is not encouraged at the moment throughout the process, so if we were to hold the festival, it could be extremely hyper-local activity, which could be a good thing," Virtanen told councillors.

Councillors were unanimously in favour of hosting the festival.

"I would just add that we know that all reports indicate that increased outdoor activity will continue," said Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt, "we're certainly seeing that in the Algonquin Highlands Water Trails, is still quite busy right now, despite the weather. Our parks, rec and trails manager is certainly anticipating a robust uptake of snowshoeing and skiing, because you can distance, and you can, you know, get outdoors and be active."

"I know we made the decision to cancel the Hike Haliburton Festival," said Dysart et al Mayor Andrea Roberts. "I just want to say what a great job you [Virtanen] did though of promoting hiking in Haliburton, regardless of not having a festival, and a lot of people are hiking on the open trails."

"So, in light of that, I think that maybe we could go forward, as long as we meet the COVID protocols," Roberts continued. "People have to pre-register so we have contact tracing. We know the names and contact [info] of who is going to be on that hike. I think it's something we should try to go forward with."

Last year's snowshoeing festival included 20 guided hikes.

"I think there's going to be a huge demand for it, and if we try to cut down on the number of hikes, I think we're just limiting ourselves," said Dysart Deputy Mayor Pat Kennedy.

"I totally agree," said Highlands East Deputy Mayor Cec Ryall. "The numbers that I'm getting now are saying that for every three cottages that closed last year, there's one that's definitely not closing this year, and that number could be going up."

Algonquin Highlands Deputy Mayor Liz Danielsen wondered if given potentially increased demand, there should be a limited number of participants per hike, with an expanded number of hikes.

"But otherwise, yes, I think we should go full-steam ahead," Danielsen said.

Virtanen said the average number of participants per hike last year was 15, "which by provincial regulations would still be fine. So we'll just continue to monitor how many people can be outside, and if we have to limit the numbers or change, then we can do that on the fly."

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SIRCH for a Better World: Free coats and warm thoughts

It would be a complete understatement to say this year has been like any other. Yes, 2020 has brought a variety of highs and lows, and it's only October.

However amidst all the uncertainty, the negativity and the emotional rollercoaster this year has brought most of us, it has also provided an opportunity for pause, reflection and hope for a brighter future.

SIRCH for a Better World is a new monthly column that will be featured in *County Life*, highlighting the not-for-profit organization and some of the events, initiatives, programs and news coming from SIRCH. It will also shed light on issues facing our community, tips for daily living, opportunities to share gratitude and much more!

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In the true Haliburton spirit, Tammy knew there was a way she could help out and began accepting donations to distribute to those who needed them. It was after all, the neighbourly thing to do. While working for SIRCH, Tammy approached the organization about helping out with the initiative and now the Share the Warmth coat drive is not only spearheaded by SIRCH, but it helps hundreds of families stay warm during the cold winter months. Families in Minden, Haliburton and Bancroft have accepted items such as coats, snow pants, mitts, hats and more and have thanked us with the kindest notes and messages, telling us how much it has helped them out. There are so many families in this community who struggle to put food on the table during the long winter months and luxuries like warm clothing are not always fulfilled. Sometimes it is a mom or dad who makes sacrifices and wear the same winter coat year after year, so that their children are looked after.

Next month we are launching our fifth annual Share the Warmth Coat Drive, which accepts donations of winter gear and distributes it across the county to anyone who might need it, free of charge.

The coat drive launches on Nov. 1 in Haliburton and Minden, with donations being accepted until Nov. 12. Drop off locations include: Haliburton Foodland (188 Highland St), Todd's Independent (5121 County Rd 21), Algonquin Outfitters (218 Highland St), Dollo's Foodland (12325 Hwy 35), Easton's Valu-Mart (12646 Hwy 35), and St. Paul's Anglican Church (19 Invergordon Ave). SIRCH is not a drop-off location.

Donations being accepted include coats, hats, vests, snow pants, mitts, scarves, boots, socks, slippers, and warm headbands.

If you would like to contribute to this campaign, bring your *clean*, gently used coats and outerwear to any of the drop off locations throughout the county. There should be no rips, tears, stains, or "smells". Due to COVID-19 protocols all donations must be cleaned by the donor prior to donating.

The giveaway day is Nov. 14 in Haliburton at SIRCH Central Training Centre (49 Maple Ave.) and in Minden at St. Paul's Anglican Church (19 Invergordon Ave.).

All COVID-19 protocols will be in place at the giveaways and everyone must wear a mask, sanitize, and wear gloves upon entry. For more information about Share the Warmth, visit www.sirch.on.ca or email Share the Warmth coordinator Rebecca Anderson at rebecca_anderson@sirch.on.ca.

We are excited to connect with you each month and until next time, stay safe and stay positive.

Switching songs

In times as this when spine is weak
And people such as I can speak
For some of us as weather turns
And kidnaps greens the forest churns
Its sun-and-sparkle guarantee
Now limping mostly absentee
Towards four months of monochrome
Those greens are rare beneath a dome
Of almost steady snow and dark
Inside its mood our spirits park
New challenges unlike our pasts
Ensure November blanket lasts
Unless we step much higher so
The seven sins which taunt us go
As well to hibernation like
The black bears who no longer hike

But courage ripens in the cold
Though some doze through, or doom behold
A light is there for brave to find
With lustre of a different kind
It's inside heart, behind the eyes
And out of hands or mouths so wise
That though we could to grief succumb
And fall apart, yes, crumb by crumb
Deciding that the world's so grim
We might as well sing white flag hymn

But those who see lamppost ahead
Embrace all strategy to tread
Past winter of our discontent
And paint for us next year's fresh scent
Which might just smack of peace and love
To fit this planet like a glove
Of pride, just not that sinful sort
But representing sweet world court
Where every vocal joins one song
In melody eternal-long
With earthtone drumbeat, major key
And children's healthy harmony

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glints of crimson light,
dripping towards the ground,
towards mounds of leaves bleeding on the side of the road,
the sound of their landing, crinkling in my ears,
as I stop and bend to pick up a leaf,
freshly fallen from its tree,
leaves whirling all around me, as Wind hurls them along the road,
skittering like hermit crabs fleeing a foe.
Limbs of trees bending to the burden of Wind,
enduring their loss each year,
stripped of their fur, a stirring beneath the earth,
where their roots intermingle, leaves laying above them, cloaking the forest floor.
I cross over the border between forest and road,
Air thickening with the smell of sunlight and leaves,
gold medallions loosening from their crowns,
fluttering down through slants of light, silent as Air that cradles their fall,
a few of them floating up and up, past the treetops, through blue space,
towards some unknown place, where they land, far from their tree,
that maybe can see the spot where they rest,
amongst a sea of other leaves, or in a Lake, as Wind rakes its surface into ripples,
the faces of lily-pads puckered as the leaves that land in their colony,
interlopers displaced by Wind.
I stand amongst the trees, imposing my solitude on theirs,
on a day when it's necessary, to feel their stillness and gawk up at their crowns,
at the leaves still quivering on their twigs,
watching for the moment that the stem lets go,
missing it the moment that I glance away,
to stare at the squirrel's tail swishing up the trunk of a tree,
towards a nest perched in the crook of two branches, no longer shielded by leaves.
My eyes follow the trail of the second squirrel's tail,
as it blends into the bark of the tree,
veering onto another limb,
away from the branches that house its nest,
wondering why it's taken this detour,
like I've taken today, off the road,
to clomp alongst these tall tall trees,
and feel them be,
listening for the sound of leaves as they land,
the earth's ears hearing louder than me.

Sylvie Kalenda

Cash for Care early bird winner

Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation board's vice-chairperson David Zilstra, from left, director Cathy Mack and chairperson Eric Recalla watch as executive director Lisa Tompkins pulls the winning ticket for the $500 early bird cash prize belonging to Peter Kukkonen of Maple for the ninth annual Cash Lottery Cash for Care on Thursday, Oct. 15 at the Echo in Haliburton. The next early bird draw is on Jan. 15. Call the lottery hotline at 457-1580 and 286-1580. /DARREN LUM Staff

Reverse Advent Calendar collecting food for 4Cs

As we look ahead to Christmas, we are drawn to the season of giving and of helping others. What can we do? What can you and your family do in these "COVID-19 times."

The Haliburton and District Lions Club would like to invite you and your family to participate in this year's Reverse Advent Calendar. The Reverse Advent Calendar is a do-it-at-home project that collects food for our local food bank. Post the Reverse Advent Calendar on your fridge or keep it handy in your kitchen. Place a collection box or basket nearby and each day in November add the food item of the day to your collection. Then, bring your box of food to the 4Cs Food Bank on Monday, Nov. 30 at 10 a.m. The Haliburton Lions will be there with their food boxes and would appreciate being able to thank you and invite you be part of our socially distanced group picture. Also, please wear a mask. If this date and time doesn't work for you, please feel most welcome to drop it off at another time or contact the Haliburton Lions and we will arrange to pick it up for you.

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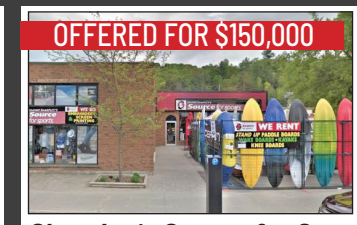

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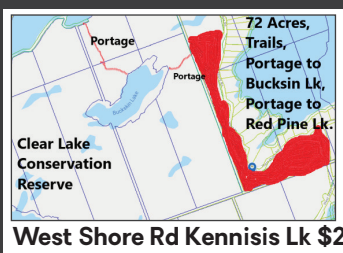
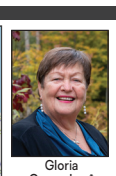
- 2020 is their best year
- Sthil, Cub Cadet & Honda

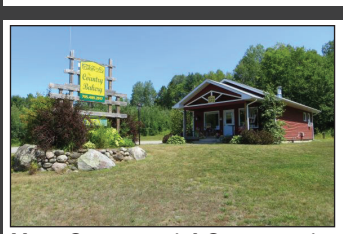




Gloria Carnochan*
754-1932

West Shore Rd Kennisis Lk $279,000

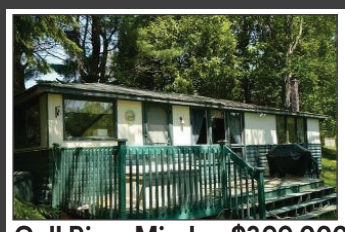
- 72 ac of forest /trails, also trail 2 Buckskin
- Portage 2 Redpine Lk, for canoe routes
- Snowmobiling, ATVing, biking, horse riding



Mark Dennys*
457-0473

Hwy Commercial Opportunity $299,900

- 666 Ft Rd Frtg, 3.4 Acr
- 868 Sq Ft Bldg, High traffic location
- Between Haliburton & Carnarvon on Hwy 118



Tom Ecclestone*
286-2138 x 26

Gull River Minden $399,000

- 2 self contained 3 season cottages
- 235' of mixed shoreline, great swimming
- Just minutes to Minden or Big Gull Lake
- Excellent weekly rental income

NEW LISTING

Lindsay Elder**
457-5878

Brady Lake $799,900

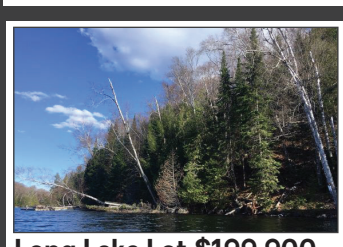
- Main house and guest cottage – both winterized
- Ultimate privacy with million dollar views!
- Over 200 feet of waterfront
- Renovations galore!

SOLD

Andrew Hodgson***
286-2138 x 29

Heritage House $699,000

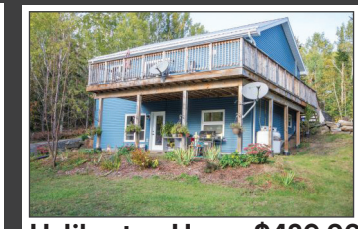
- Updated and well-maintained historical building
- 6 residential rental units, with a 3 bdrm residence
- Part of the building is zoned commercial with many options for future usage



Susanne James*
& Andy Mosher**
457-2128 x 33

Long Lake Lot $199,900

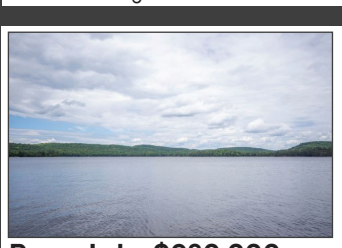
- Vacant lot with 100 feet of shoreline, approx. 1 acre
- 2-lake chain with Miskwabi Lake for miles of boating
- Year-round private road access



David Lee*
286-2138 x 27

Haliburton Home $429,000

- Newer 3-bedroom, 2 bath home with good access to town & across from the rail trail
- Nicely finished, open concept living space and fully finished lower level



Donna McCallum*
455-2054

Percy Lake $680,000

- 3.9 acre building lot, 555' of waterfront
- Incredible point lot with big lake views
- Private location, driveway installed
- HST INCLUDED

NEW LISTING

Brandon Nimigon*
457-2128 x 27

Haliburton Village $300,000

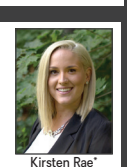
- 2-Bedroom, 1 bath home, COMPLETELY renovated in 2020
- Right in downtown Haliburton, great starter or retirement location

SOLD IN 4 DAYS

Karen Nimigon**
457-6505

Irondale River $459,000

- Great family home or investment property with 3000 sq ft, 3 bedrooms, 3 baths
- 5+ acres of riverfront, plenty of greenspace and, year-round access



Kirsten Rae*
286-2138 x 30

Industrial Park Rd $1,200,000

- 10,000 sq ft of mixed use industrial and commercial space
- Sitting on a private 6.75 acre lot in Haliburton
- Unlimited possibilities with this fantastic building!

NEW PRICE

Darlene Reil*
447-2055

Gooderham $380,000

- Huge 3000 sq.ft. building
- With 2-bedroom apartment
- With multiple uses potential

Christine Sharp*
705-489-9968

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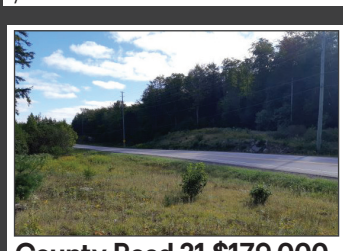


Greg Stamp*
457-2128 x 28

County Road 21 $179,000

- Acreage close to Haliburton Village & Pinestone Resort
- Beautifully Treed with driveway already installed.
- Ultimate privacy for residential use!

Melanie Vigrass*
286-2138 x 32

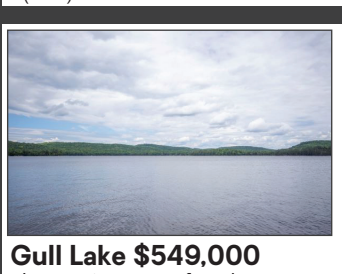
Commercial Opportunity $599,000

- Two parcels zoning 59 acres, 5 acres zoned commercial highway & 54 zoned disposal industrial
- Modern 3-bedroom, 2 bath home
- Approx. 7000 sq ft of space between 2 shops

Linday Wilkinson*
286-2138 x 23

Minden Building Lot $169,900

- Excellent location with maximum exposure
- Commercial zoning with many possible uses
- Investment or your own business



Andrea Wilson**
457-2128 x 25

Gull Lake $549,000

- Large private waterfront lot on a premium lakes
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Get inoculated

Haven't had your flu shot yet? Get it now from Andrea Prentice and crew.

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Get giggling

Comic Ron James will have 'em rolling in the aisles to help the Frost.

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Get dialling

Paula Thorn and the Stanhope "fire ladies" are at your beck and call.

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Get scared

Take the tykes to a haunted house at Pine Reflections.

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In Quotes

"I think you do feel enfranchisement in a small community more so than a larger one. You feel like you can make a difference."

Jeanne Anthon, on page 3

Lance Crossley/TIMES

The cow farmer

Casey Cox, wearing the blue vest, is a man who just loves his cows and the traditional farming way of life he lives. Still, he's been facing some challenging issues these days – the cattle industry just isn't the same as it used to be. For story and more photos, please see page 8.

Minden's own Jeanne Anthon is Highlander of the Year

by LANCE CROSSLEY
Times staff

When Jeanne Anthon accepted the Highlander of the Year award last Friday night at the Delta Pinestone Resort, her speech was unusually brief. After the ceremonies she didn't stick around very long to accept congratulatory handshakes either. "I was embarrassed," she said a few days later. "I thought of all the people who volunteer and who could have been there with me or instead of me. So that had a bit of discomfort for me."

Anthon's modesty in receiving public accolades belies the person sitting at a table in the Village Chalet. She's immaculately decked out in a black turtleneck sweater and dress pants. She possesses a dignified confidence and articulates her ideas as if she were heading a table at town council, which she did when she served as reeve of the former municipality of Anson, Hindon and Minden (now part of Minden Hills.)

The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce bestows the Highlander of the Year award to recognize an outstanding community leader in Haliburton County. There are few, if any, who could argue against the honour going her way. Her local activities have been nothing less than prolific. On top of the nine years she served in municipal politics, she presently works on nine

see SHE'S *page 3*

Still no decision on who's going to market county

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times staff

Rather than rush into a three-year commitment costing hundreds of thousands of dollars, county council decided to meet again with the two organizations bidding on the county's marketing contract.

"I sincerely believe we're not in the position to make a valid and intelligent decision based on the information we have at this time," said Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey at Wednesday's county council meeting.

He said there were strengths and weaknesses in each proposal that need to be further explored. He suggested that the county form an ad hoc committee with representation from each municipality. The committee would meet with both David Page, a marketing and business communication consultant, and the Tourism Marketing Alliance, a partnership of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Haliburton.

The two bids are for a three-year contract to market the county. The county would provide from $150,000 to $200,000 a year.

County council heard presentations on the proposals on October 19 but was not able to make a decision at that time. Fearrey asked for a further delay on Wednesday "to determine that we are doing tourism marketing in the true sense of the word...

"We need to work out contractual arrangements; then we'd have a chance to iron them out. At least then we'd have done a proper analysis and know that what we're doing is right for taxpayers and the county of Haliburton."

This committee would make its recommendation to council

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FORTESCUE LAKE $329,000

Cute and cozy 2-bedroom cottage. Surrounded by 8.97 acres of mature trees providing ample privacy and stunning beaver meadow views, a wildlife delight. Open concept. 4pc bath with clawfoot tub. Southern exposure. Dock at waterfront with a quiet road traveled between. Public boat launch right next door. The spectacular lake views are a must to see.

TAMARACK LAKE $329,000

Cute and cozy 2 bedroom seasonal cottage sits on the water edge. Gorgeous views fronting on Tamarack Lake. Peaceful and quiet location. Traditional cottage features a spacious living room, 2 bedrooms, 2pc bath and bright eat-in kitchen. Enjoy the beautiful south-east views. Level yard. Hard bottom natural shoreline. Don't miss this perfect opportunity to own a cozy piece of paradise.

MARCUS BEACH $75,000

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WILLIAMS LANDING $59,900

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WILLIAMS LANDING $57,888

What is fractional ownership you ask? It is owning this fully furnished 3-bdrm cottage with 9 others. This gives you 5 weeks of the year to enjoy prestigious Kashagawigamog Lake and all that Williams Landing has to offer. There is an annual fee of approximate $3,300 which includes everything! Stunning hiking trails throughout the 47-acre property. No work to be done, no stress over maintenance.

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